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TO THE WHIGS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

At a special meeting of the Whig General Committee of San Francisco, held Friday evening, March 21, 1881, it was

Resolved, That the Whigs of the city be requested to meet at their headquarters in their respective wards, on WEDNESDAY evening, the 9th of April, for the purpose of nominating a ticket for their respective wards, one candidate for Aldermen, one candidate for Assistant Aldermen, and two candidates for Assessors; and also, at the same time and place, to elect three persons as delegates to a General Convention, to be held on SATURDAY evening, the 12th of April, to nominate candidates for city officers at large. The Polls to be opened at 7 p.m. and closed at 10 p.m.

JAMES E. WAINWRIGHT, Chairman.
S. W. HOLLADAY, Secretary.
R. B. HAMPTON, Secretary.

Investment of Capital.

A few days ago we published an article on the investment of capital in California, but as the subject is not exhausted we shall continue our remarks. It is by no means surprising that there should be doubt and distrust upon the subject, for we are aware that there have been, and still are many humbugs got up for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of speculators, by the sale of stock by persons who design to make money by the sale of, rather than by working mines. In fact, we know that specimens have been bought up from some of the rich veins recently opened, and exhibited as specimens from other veins, and made the means to sell stock where no such rich deposits have been found. This, though it will only add to the humbugs already extant, and will increase the distrust for mining operations, does not destroy the fact of the actual existence of rich veins of minerals which will pay immensely if properly worked.

Before money is paid on stock, satisfactory evidence should be adduced either by personal inspection of the premises, or by investigation of a reliable agent. As a general thing the quartz veins are owned by men who are not in possession of sufficient capital to open them properly, even if they are very productive. It requires money to sink shafts, to run drifts, as well as to procure machinery, and at present, wages are too high to depend on what has been taken from the mine to pay all these expenses. Capital is necessary to begin the work, and it is fully to commence and be compelled to stop half-way. This can only result in failure, and a loss of what has been expended. But after a mine has been properly prospected, and indubitable proofs of its quality have been given, then it is fair to infer, that it will be a safe investment, as that a ship will escape being wrecked on a voyage, and the risk will be negated. When a vein is well defined, when it exists in quantities to work for years, and where there is material on the ground to drive the necessary machinery, then an outlay of capital is justified. It is a misfortune at present that men expect too speedy, and too great returns for the investment of capital. In the mines of Mexico and Peru, an immense capital is invested in mining operations, and the returns are expected like that of any legitimate business, in the course of months, instead of a few days, even after the mines are opened, and science is employed in working them. All the gentlemen of experience with whom we have conversed upon this subject, (and we have seen several who have worked the quartz mines of South America and Mexico) are surprised at the richness of our veins, and unqualifiedly express their conviction that there is but little risk in scientific mining in this country in comparison with those which they have worked there.

In connection with this subject, we speak of the mine of the Sierra Nevada Company, at Grass Valley, from the simple fact that we are better advised of the results of their operations than of any other. They have prospected their vein a distance of over three hundred feet in length, have sunk shafts to various depths from thirty to fifty feet, and have sunk a main shaft fifty feet deep, and are now running a drift from the foot of the hill which will drain the water to the depth of one hundred and fifty feet. Of all this labor, perhaps nine tenths has been expended in work which would yield no revenue, yet from the rock raised in the course of their work, they have been enabled to pay all expenses, besides having perhaps seventy-five tons of rich rock, and some two hundred tons of dirt which pays from ten cents to a dollar per pan, from the mine itself, clear of all expense.

From the reports which have reached us, and which appear to be well authenticated, we can approximate to something like a fair calculation as to the results of quartz mining. We are not disposed to take individual assays of rock for our basis, but predict it as near as may be, upon the actual working of several mines, and do not mean to indulge in unwarrantable speculation upon the subject. It has been ascertained that twenty-four tons of rock can be raised, and crushed in twenty-four hours, from a mine properly opened, and scientifically worked. We say then,

48,000 pounds of rock yielding 5 cents to the lb. \$2,400
40 men at \$10 per day, a large estimate, is 400
Leaving a profit per day of \$2,000
Now reduce this amount one half, or 21 c. per pound, gives \$1,000 per day, which for 300 days, yields the enormous sum of \$300,000. If the rock yields more—and we do not doubt that in many instances it will—the proceeds will be proportionably great. The reports from the Southern quartz mines are highly favorable, but we are not in possession of items sufficiently minute, to make an

estimate. We shall, however, present the subject, whether favorable or adverse, according to the light upon the subject, for it is not our intention to mislead the public upon this important question.

Business in the Recorder's Court.

George T. Moore, went into a grocery yesterday and demanded liquor of the proprietor, who positively refused according to his request. George feeling nettled that his demand should be treated so contemptuously, caught the proprietor by the throat, and gave him a pretty severe choking. He was fined \$25, and ten days imprisonment.

Jean Baptiste, a copper-colored personage, who had just been released from the station house, was so overjoyed that he got drunk, and fired a pistol in the streets. The Recorder gave him ten days imprisonment in order that he might have a similar excuse for another gratification.

Mrs. Anna Brown, a poor, lone, unprotected woman, was arrested by officer McPherson, for drawing a pistol upon Mrs. McPherson, a modest-looking woman, who appeared in court with a child in her arms. The Marshal was requested to hold the baby while she gave her testimony, but only replied with a deep blush which plainly evinced that he had been touched in a tender place. Mrs. McPherson testified to Mrs. Brown getting tight and assaulting her with a pistol; and Mrs. Brown stated positively that the complaint had menaced her with a drawn sword. The case was indescribably amusing, as both were continually talking at once, and as a matter of course acquitting themselves, and criminating the other. The Recorder tried in vain to quiet the parties, but his efforts were fruitless, and he was compelled to dismiss the parties to restore order. Mrs. Brown begged of his Honor to restore to her the pistol which the officer had taken from her, which was acceded to on condition that she would not use it against the complainant. This was agreed to, and making a very low bow to his worship, she put the pistol in her pocket, and walked out with the air of an old trooper.

Mr. Fitten was arraigned for giving Mrs. Fitten fits. The difficulty arose from some misunderstanding in their domestic affairs, which his Honor adjusted in a satisfactory manner. Mrs. Fitten is a hard-working, industrious woman, and who sustains an excellent character. The manner in which she gave her testimony plainly indicated that it was repulsive to her feelings to be obliged to appear against her husband.

George Pugh, for a nuisance on his premises was fined \$25. The excuse offered was, he had not caused the nuisance, and that the premises, though occupied, did not belong to him.

Borney Duffey and James Carroll, for their participation in the riot at the house of Miss Harriet Langmead were fined \$50 each.

TRIAL OF DUANE.—The trial of Charles Duane for an assault upon Anadee Fayolle, with an intent to commit murder, has at last been brought to a close. The arguments of the counsel were concluded late Tuesday night, and given to the jury, who, after deliberating until morning, informed the court that they could not possibly agree, and were consequently discharged. It is understood that they stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. They were all well satisfied of the guilt of the prisoner, but greatly divided as to the amount of punishment he should receive. We understand that one who was for acquittal, was in favor of some mere nominal punishment, but would not consent to any thing more.

This cause has created considerable interest in our community and there was great speculation as to the result. The occurrence transpired at a time when the popular indignation was aroused, and had the trial come off at that time, the result would have been far different.

A MAGNIFICENT WATCH.—Mechanism in the construction of watches has reached a degree of perfection hitherto unknown. We were yesterday much interested in examining a full-jewelled Duplex movement hunting watch, at the new store of Tucker & Reeve, Clay street. The works are not visible to the eye when the case is opened, nor is it necessary to see them in order to regulate the watch, that being done by means of a small pin communicating with the works. What is still more wonderful in its construction is the fact, that when wound up it will run fifteen days. As the production of mechanism it is really a work of curiosity, and an examination of it will repay for the trouble.

WOMAN'S AFFECTION.—A day or two since we mentioned that a Spanish woman had made complaint of her husband beating her and treating her in a shameful manner. The matter was investigated, and the husband sentenced to ten days imprisonment. Last evening we were in the police office, and saw the injured fair one pleading hard with Capt. Howard for his influence in affecting the liberation of her partner. Upon the captain's assuring her that there were strong hopes of effecting her object, she made a low bow and took her departure.

GOLD DUST.—By a card in this morning's paper it will be seen that our principal bankers propose to buy gold dust at \$17, but will of course pay this price only for a good article. This is more liberal than the arrangement of the general government, under which a law was enacted with the design of benefitting the miner, but which it is asserted, puts two and three-quarter per cent. into the pockets of a third party.

THREATS OF LIFE.—W. A. White made complaint before the Recorder yesterday, that C. A. Smith had threatened to take his life. Smith was arrested, and will undergo an examination to-day.

Record of the City Courts.

WEDNESDAY, March 26.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. H. C. Murray, Chief Justice.
Matthew Reedsdale vs. John McHenry.—Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$207.

Ex parte Lorenzo Hubbard, petitioner, that the Trustees of the Marine Hospital be ordered to retain him as Physician of that institution. Petition refused.

Kinsman vs. Heywood, et al.—Postponed until Saturday next.

Jesse Sutton vs. G. W. Barnes.—Judgment for plaintiff made final on production and proof of promissory notes, for \$1418 04, with interest at ten per cent. per annum until paid.

Before Justice SHATTUCK.

Quilfort vs. Davidson.—Argued and submitted to the Court.

Harvey Dickenson vs. John C. Hays, Sheriff. The defendant attached certain household furniture and goods, as the property of Catherine Le Foy. The plaintiff claimed them by virtue of a sale or mortgage; but it appearing that Mrs. Le Foy had always remained in possession of the goods and used them as her own, as well as before the alleged sale, it was held that the plaintiff had no property in them against creditors of Mrs. Le Foy and verdict and judgment was given for the defendant.

Pierce vs. Minturn et al.—Cause argued and taken under advisement.

William Rabe vs. Van Dyke & Belden.—Appeal dismissed, and plaintiff's judgment satisfied.

PROBATE COURT.—Hon. R. N. Morrison, presiding.

In matter of the estate of William Henry Biggs, deceased.—Ordered that April 7th be appointed for hearing petition of John Biggs, praying to be appointed administrator of the above estate.

DISTRICT COURT.—Hon. Levi Parsons, presiding.

The District Court did not transact any business yesterday. Immediately after the jury in Duane's case were discharged, the Court adjourned.

THE CALIFORNIA DRY DOCK.—We learn from the correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot, that the Committees of both Houses of Congress have decided to recommend that the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to conclude a contract with Messrs. Dakin & Co., for the Dry Dock in California, in accordance with the resolution of the last session. It appears that certain parties in St. Louis have offered to contract to build the Dock for \$60,000 less than the sum proposed by Messrs. Dakin & Co., but they refuse to guarantee the Government against an infringement of Dakin's patent. It was through the influence of these parties that the resolution of inquiry was passed.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE SALE.—The sale of goods advertised by the Custom House, commenced yesterday, under the hammer of the popular auctioneers, KENDIG & WAINWRIGHT. A large crowd of persons were present, and the bidding was quite spirited. One hundred and sixty packages were sold, yielding an aggregate of over \$9000. One lucky hauler bid off a package of jewelry for \$32, from which he got about \$1,000 in value!

The entire lot consists of eight hundred packages, and the sale will be commenced at 10 o'clock this morning, and continued from day to day, until the whole is disposed of.

BENEFIT FOR THE JAPANESE.—The proprietor of the California Exchange has determined to give a benefit to the Japanese on next Monday night, and applying the proceeds towards relieving their wants. We hope our citizens will show a commendable spirit, and turn out in full force to assist these poor and unfortunate persons. They are probably the first who have ever had intercourse with our nation, and we should endeavor to treat them in a manner worthy of ourselves and country.

"ADVENTURES OF A GREENHORN."—We have received from Messrs. Cook & Leconte, a very interesting and amusing lithographed sheet, representing the adventures of a green 'un in California. The design is excellent, and though it is intended as a burlesque on the misfortunes of the unsophisticated, there are many things about it strikingly true. The sheet has been got up by Messrs. Justh & Quirot, lithographers, on Jackson street, and displays great skill and taste in execution.

BURNING OF CITY SERIP.—The Mayor, together with a committee from each Board of Aldermen, met in the Mayor's office yesterday morning, and burned \$222,959 90 of cancelled city scrip. The day previous \$163,933 22 was burned, making an aggregate of \$386,893 12.

A small amount in addition to this has been redeemed, and will be burned as soon as properly checked on the books of the Comptroller.

A GOOD SIZED LUMP.—The Baltimore Sun, of the 30th January, says, "A lump of gold, nearly pure metal, was yesterday exhibited to us by Mr. Jesse Klinefelter, of Baltimore street, the largest we have yet seen. It contains over \$500 worth of gold, and \$600 has been refused for it. It was found the first day's digging, by a young man from Baltimore, named Williams. A pretty good day's work."

GREAT SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.—Messrs. Kendig, Wainwright & Co., will sell to-day at 12 o'clock, at the California Exchange, a large number of valuable lots and dwellings. This property is situated in the most prominent and desirable portions of our city, and offers great inducements for the investment of capital.

FURIOUS RIDING.—A person named Charles Collins was arrested last evening for riding at a furious pace through the streets. If there are no mitigating circumstances for the offence, he will be apt to pay dearly for his equestrian performance.

THE COVINGHAM AFFAIR.—The difficulty which occurred a few days since on Merchant street, between Alderman Middleton and Judge Wilson, will undergo an investigation to-day before the Recorder.

SETTLED.—The difficulty which occurred a few days ago at the Post Office, between Messrs. Hackett and Short, has been amicably and satisfactorily settled.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

(REPORTED FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS.)

March 25

IN SENATE.—An act concerning Courts of Justice in this State and Judicial Officers, was taken from the table and considered in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Cook moved to strike out \$500, the amount over which Justices of the Peace are allowed jurisdiction, and insert \$200.

The yeas and noes being called, the result was as follows—yeas, 6; noes, 4.

On motion of Mr. Adams the bill was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Mr. Green submitted a report from the Commissioners appointed to lay out and mark off the lands donated to the State by Mr. M. G. Vallejo, which was accepted; he also produced several specimens of stone for building purposes, which abounds at the site of the capital.

Mr. Heydenfeldt, from the Committee on Claims, reported adverse to the claims of Messrs. Walker, Brockman, and Jones, and the report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Senate adjourned.

IN ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Claims, reported adverse to the claim of Mr. K. Green.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Hall gave notice that on to-morrow he will introduce a bill amendatory of an act concerning the fees of office.

Mr. Hall moved the suspension of the 33th rule of the House, in order that he might introduce a bill for the relief of N. McMenace. Not agreed to.

Mr. Wilkins gave notice that on some future day, he will introduce a bill to secure the occupants of their rights.

Mr. Carr, on leave, introduced a bill to repeal an act providing for the inspection of steamboats, which was read three several times and passed.

Mr. Carr, on leave, reported a bill to fund the floating debt of San Francisco, which, on motion of Mr. Murphy, was read the first and second times by title and referred to the delegation from San Francisco.

The Senate bill prescribing the amount of compensation and mode of payment to persons performing military services for the State of California in the Indian wars, was read the first time.

Mr. Kendrick moved its rejection. Not agreed to.

Mr. Carr moved that the bill be read the second time by title and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hall moved to amend the latter motion by referring it to select committee, with instructions to amend the bill as to exempt El Dorado county from its provisions.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed said committee, Messrs. Hall, McKee and Baldwin.

The House concurred in the amendment made in the Senate to the bill extending the time for County Treasurers to make their returns.

The Senate bill concerning the office of public administrator, making it elective, was read the first and second times and referred to a select committee.

The Senate bill concerning Redemptions, was read the first time and laid on the table.

The Senate bill amendatory of an act concerning crimes and punishments was then considered in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Bennett in the Chair.

The bill was read through by sections, and no amendment being made thereto, the Committee rose and were discharged.

The rules were suspended, and the same was read the third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act providing the mode of assessing and collecting the public revenue, was taken from the table and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Joint Committee appointed on the part of the Legislature to locate the grounds for the Public Buildings at Vallejo, made a report, the reading of which was dispensed with, and the report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, the House then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3½ O'clock, P. M.

The House met at the expiration of the recess.

Mr. Thorne, on leave, introduced a bill to ratify and confirm an ordinance of the City of San Francisco, authorizing the construction of a plank road to the Mission Dolores from the former place.

The bill was read the first and second times, the rules being suspended, it was read the third time and passed by yeas 19, noes 4.

Mr. Carnes moved to reconsider the vote by which the House passed in the morning, the bill authorizing capital punishment in cases of grand larceny, at the discretion of the Jury.

The motion was lost by yeas and noes.

On motion of Mr. Lisle, the House reconsidered the vote by which a resolution was passed yesterday, prohibiting members from receiving their per diem when absent from the House.

At quarter before 5 o'clock, the House adjourned.

Auction Sales This Day.

Kendig, Wainwright & Co., at 12 o'clock, a large number of valuable city lots and dwelling houses.

Emerson & Dunsbar, at 10 o'clock, molasses, coffee, candles, shovels, &c.

Jones & Carter, at 10 o'clock, pork, buckets, gold washers, ale, &c.

Henry B. Lafitte & Co., at 10 o'clock, beef, pork, chocolate, raisins, &c.

Kettelle, Mahony & Co., at 12 o'clock, valuable property at the Mission Dolores.

Middleton & Co., at 10 o'clock, 2000 valuable standard law books.

THE RACES.—The principal race over the Pioneer Course yesterday was between Foster's g. g. It and Cummings' mare, the former being the winner. The race excited but little interest.

Several scrub races came off in the afternoon, upon the result of which considerable money changed hands. One heat of half a mile for a purse of \$200, was run in fifty seconds. A large crowd of our Spanish population was present, and took much interest in the various horse disputes.

AN ODD SENTENCE.—The Chinese are certainly an odd people. Mr. Lynton lately made a communication to the Asiatic Society of London, descriptive of a mode of punishment, peculiar to the criminal code of the Celestial Empire. A Chinese merchant, accused and convicted of having killed his wife, was sentenced to die by the total deprivation of sleep. The execution took place at Amoy, in the month of June last. The condemned was placed in prison under the surveillance of three guardians, who relieved each other at every alternate hour, and who prevented him from taking any sleep, night or day. He lived thus for nineteen days, without having slept for a single minute. At the commencement of the eighth day, his sufferings were so cruel, that he begged, as a great favor, that they would kill him by strangulation.

ARRESTED.—Thomas Edwards, who was concerned in an assault upon a Frenchman on Pacific street some time last summer, was arrested on Tuesday evening by officer Dougherty, and lodged in the station house. He succeeded by some means, at the time of the transaction, in making his escape.

BY LAST NIGHT'S BOAT.

News from the Sacramento Valley.

ANOTHER MAN HUNG FOR MURDER!

Sacramento and Marysville papers of yesterday morning, were brought us by Freeman & Co., on the arrival of the Confidence last night.

Elias Garst, Esq., has been elected Alderman of the First Ward of Marysville.

The Herald gives the following account of the murder, for which Stewart, convicted of the assault upon Mr. Jansen, in this city, has recently undergone an examination at Dolbren's ranch, and is now in jail awaiting trial:

"From the testimony taken before Judge Stidger at Dolbren's ranch, on Friday and Saturday last, it appears that on the 7th of December, William Prentiss and Thomas Broadwater were in company with Mr. Moore at a Mr. Thatcher's, near Winslow's bar, from where they started for Dolbren's ranch; Messrs. Prentiss and Broadwater together, and Mr. Moore alone by a different road. On the arrival of the former, they found that Moore had not been seen, and while awaiting his arrival, heard a rumor of a murder, of which they at once supposed Mr. Moore to be the victim, inasmuch as the dress, particularly a Spanish poncho or cloak, corresponded with his. The body was taken to the ranch, and an examination had by Dr. Heers. There were three shots which entered his back, none of which passed entirely through. Two of the balls were found. A large gash appeared to have been in the head by a knife. Either shot would, in the opinion of Dr. B., have caused death. The body was fully identified as being that of Charles E. Moore. He had in his possession when murdered, about \$2400."

Strong circumstantial evidence connected Stewart with the perpetration of the outrage, and which renders his guilt almost certain.

A jury at Sacramento has given a verdict of \$1000 in favor of ex-Governor Smith, of this city, for services in drawing up deeds transferring all the real estate of John A. Suter.

Weaverville has been the scene of not a little Lynch excitement. On Thursday week a fellow was arrested for stealing a mule, tried by a jury of miners, convicted and sentenced to have his head shaved, and fifty lashes applied, all of which was promptly administered. He confessed to having a partner named Jackson, who was tried the next morning by the same "sovereign" tribunal, convicted, and sentenced to be "bucked," receive thirty-five lashes, and have his head shaved.

The Transcript gives the following account of a murder, and the prompt lynching of the perpetrator:

Mr. B. informs us that he left Weaverville on Saturday week, crossing the dividing ridge of the western slope. When Mr. B. arrived at Santa City or Redding, Springs, he there learned the particulars of a most horrid murder that had been committed the night before, about ten miles from that place. It appears that two persons who were in the same mess, had some slight dispute when one of them seized a gun, and shot the other, the ball taking effect in the left breast, from which he died instantly. When shot, the victim made a leap, the blood gushed forth and he fell dead. As soon as the deed had been committed, the murderer started to run, but he was pursued and recaptured without much difficulty.

The assemblage took him at once to the Springs, ten miles distant. A court of the people was formed on Sunday—a judge appointed—witnesses examined—and the murderer showed all the clemency he could have obtained in a legal tribunal. The jury were out but a few minutes, when they returned with a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to be hung that afternoon at four o'clock.

The fellow acknowledged his guilt and seemed to have no regret at the termination of things. He sat down to dinner, eat a very hearty meal, and even called for and partook of coffee.

The hour of execution having arrived, he was taken to the place designated, where a raised platform had been constructed. The rope was placed around his neck, and he was called on to plead his own guilt, if he had anything to say. The murderer simply responded by saying that he was the result of drinking, and warned officers from partaking too freely, that the only regret was that he did not have time to write to his wife, and with a sudden leap he raised himself, the platform fell, his neck broke, and he was ushered into eternity. As he did not wait for the platform to be knocked from under him, he may be said to have been his own executioner.

Murder at the Mission.

We learn just as we are going to press from officer Kimmel, that Capt. Jarvis, while walking with his lady at the Mission Dolores, last evening, was stabbed by some unknown assassin in the back and died immediately. No clue has yet been discovered as to who was the perpetrator. We were unable to learn further particulars.

A PRESENT.—The traveling porcelain breakfast service of Napoleon, has been presented by the Prince de Camino, to our Charge d'Affaires at Rome, Mr. Lewis Cass, Jr., as a testimonial for his attentions to the Prince, during the revolutionary disturbances in Rome. Our constitution, however, prohibits our diplomatic officials from receiving presents from princes, kings and potentates—and so Mr. Cass will have to send his present home, and let it be sold by the government.

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA CLIPPER.—The ship Tagus, Capt. Farnham, cleared at New York on Saturday, the 25th January, for San Francisco. She is a new and substantial vessel, and will, the Commercial says, no doubt give a good account of her sailing qualities.

FENDING THE CITY DEBT.—By our legislative proceedings it will be seen that on Tuesday last, Mr. Carr introduced a bill to fund the floating debt of San Francisco. After being read, the bill was referred to the delegation from San Francisco.

THE MASKED BALL.—The proprietor of the Exchange introduced a new and attractive feature last evening. An excellent band of negro minstrels varied the usual entertainment by singing a number of capital Ethiopian melodies.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 26.—The schooner Maria, from San Juan de Nicaragua, bound for New York with forty returning Californians on board as passengers, put in here to-day, in a distressed condition, being leaky and out of provisions.

On the 27th January, John James Audubon, the celebrated Ornithologist, died in New York.

Arrest of Another Scoundrel.

Officer A. M. C. Smith, of the city of New York, arrived in this city last night, in pursuit of a young man named Henry N. Watson, alias John Henry Woodbury, alias Governor Dorr, against whom he had a warrant charging him with robbery.

The warrant for his arrest charges that, on the 20th day of November last, the prisoner robbed William H. Baker, at the city of Mexico, of a gold watch, money, and other property, to the value of more than \$2500.

We learn that the prisoner has been in San Francisco, which place he was compelled to leave suddenly and secretly, on account of charges of crime made against him there, and that he managed to conceal himself on board a vessel bound for San Blas, which place he finally reached without a cent of money in his pocket.

At San Blas he fell in company with Mr. Baker, whom he accompanied to Mexico. Soon after their arrival at Mexico a man was robbed, and the prisoner subsequently had an abundance of money. The man who was robbed has since been missing, and is not to be found. The prisoner at length arrived in New York, and besides other money, which he was known to possess, he left \$50 doubtless in the hands of the clerk of the boat in which he came, passenger, for safe keeping. The story of the robbery was soon current in New York, and that city became too warm for the comfort of the prisoner, and he came to Boston.

Watson, who, under the name of John Henry Woodbury, has claimed to be a nephew of Henry Levi Woodbury, is a well formed young man of medium height, a brown countenance, light or sandy hair, and sports a rather heavy light colored moustache. At times, he has sported an elegant large Spanish cloak, averaging about its cost was \$250, and that it was presented to him in Mexico by Gen. Valencia.

He is not in the least bashful on account of his arrest, but on the contrary, makes use of much bragadocio, averring that it's no use for the man to make such a fuss about \$250, as it will cost him at least a \$1000 for his trouble, and if he is conveyed back to Mexico, the very first time the President of the city will do, will be to bail him from the custody of any officer. He also avers that any officer who takes him to Mexico, is sure to meet with his death, as soon as the fact is known.

While in the marshal's office this forenoon, the prisoner appeared quite lively, saying that when he came from Mexico, he was urged to be the bearer of despatches to Hon. Daniel Webster, but not wishing to be at the trouble which the performance of such a duty would occasion him, he respectfully declined the honor!

He concluded a long tirade upon various matters concerning his sojourn in Mexico, by saying that this arrest might possibly turn out to be no laughing matter.

The prisoner will be conveyed to New York by officer A. M. C. Smith, and from thence to Mexico for trial. [Boston Journal, Jan. 29.]

Henry F. Berger, of Baltimore, is building several organs, one of them being for a Church in this place, of six stops. The case is of solid rosewood, in the form of a harp, and the architecture of Gothic style. This instrument also contains the new stop "viol d'amour," of great sweetness. It was to be shipped for the land of gold in a few weeks.

At a party given by the Governor of Maryland, at Annapolis lately, Gen. Riley, ex-Governor of California, was rated as the most distinguished guest.

MARRIED.

In this city, March 26, by the Rev. A. T. Cook, Capt. A. T. Sterling to Miss Lucy Wallace.

Consigners.

Per Hartley & F. E. Brown, Jacoby & Co., J. N. Sleiden, Goodfellow, Silem & Co., Hester, Davis & Co. A. Robinson & Co., Washington, Reed & Bunting.

MARINE NEWS.

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March 26.
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SHIPPING

FOR NEW YORK, LA PALMARSAISO.

 Kent, master, 175 tons burthen, will be dispatched about on or about 10th of April. For freight, which will take rate at low rate, apply to
BRAGG & WHITEHEAD,
 100 Nassau street.

FOR CAPE ST. LUCAS.

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